

DATE OF PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 3RD.

Democratic Mass Meeting A Most Harmonious One

The Democratic Mass Meeting called by temporary chairman, E. L. Mitchell for the purpose of re-organizing the party in Putnam county, and to name a date for the primary election in which nominations for the various county officers are to be made, was well attended by a representative number of men and women of the party, last Monday at one o'clock, and the business was dispatched without a ripple of discord.

B. L. Mitchell called the meeting to order, and stated the purpose for which it had been called. In a brief talk Mr. Mitchell stated that while he had been importuned by a number of Democrats to become a candidate before the meeting for the permanent chairmanship, he did not want his name to go before them if there was to be a contest, for he did not believe in fights in the party and refused to be a party to a contest which might stir up strife in the ranks. D. C. Whitteaker was recognized by the chair, and in a short speech placed in nomination for chairman, B. C. Huddleston of the first district. The nomination of Mr. Huddleston was seconded by Mrs. Rutledge Smith, and there being no other nominations he was elected unanimously by the mass meeting as the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Putnam County for the next two years. W. Y. Bennett was nominated and elected secretary of the committee.

A resolution was adopted empowering the Chairman and Secretary with the assistance of five to name the executive committee on the basis of one man and one woman to each 25 Democratic voters in the county, and to formulate rules and regulations to govern the primary election, which was called for Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921. The committee named by the Chairman were, O. K. Holladay, Mrs. Rutledge Smith, W. R. Carlen, Mrs. Otto Grimsley, and Mrs. W. L. Swallows.

LIBRARY MEMORIAL FOR SOLDIERS

Our county paid a heavy toll in the world war. Our gold stars should never be forgotten. Why not establish a county memorial library in which the names, records, and heroism of the life and death of every sailor and soldier may be forever preserved. What more appropriate and lasting memorial could be made to them, what more practical, timely, beneficent tribute for their living comrades among whom they were born and reared and whom they loved and gave their lives for?

Is not a living library carrying books, education, culture and happiness to every boy and girl more to be desired than monuments of marble and tablets of bronze? If these boys were alive would they not rather see established a memorial that would be a constant blessing to others than to have mere bronze erected to their memory? Such a library would be of inestimable value and ever increasing usefulness second only to the public school. It would mean free books, free service, free education, culture and happiness to all the people of the entire county all the time. Many counties in the state are taking advantage of the new free library law. Why not establish one in our own county? For full information write at once to John Trotwood Moore, State Librarian, Nashville, Tenn.

KILLING IN WHITE COUNTY

Rascoe Cooper was shot by Henry C. Snodgrass, about three miles from Sparta, last Monday evening, and Cooper died from the effects of the wounds received.

It appears that Snodgrass and Cooper had quarreled a year or two ago and had not been friendly with each other since. Cooper had been to California, having returned home recently, and, according to reports he met Snodgrass on the public road and had drawn a shotgun on him. Snodgrass jumped from his horse and dodged behind a wagon and fired at Cooper with fatal results.

DR. G. L. MAYFIELD ORNITHOLOGIST

Visits Cookeville And Organizes Bird Club

Dr. G. L. Mayfield of Nashville, one of the Southland's best ornithologists, delivered an enjoyable lecture on bird lore last Wednesday evening, June 29, in the Tennessee Polytechnic Auditorium to an appreciative audience. All the birds discussed were illustrated, and some of their cries reproduced.

Dr. Mayfield said that Tennessee is one of the foremost bird states, that being, geographically, a middle state it gets many birds that go no farther south for the winter and many others in the summer that go no farther north. There are more than 130 different kinds in Tennessee alone, most of which are beneficial. He declared that even the Chickadee Hawk often feasts on snakes and mice, therefore it should be killed only when it has become a chicken thief; however the Big Blue, the Little Blue Darter Hawks should be killed on sight.

During his discourse he explained how, of all the millions of birds in the United States, only a comparatively few are the farmers' enemy, since most of them assist rather than hinder crops by subsisting on insect pests. The English Sparrow, the Sapsucker, and the Blackbird are among the harmful birds. He also mentioned how birds with their glad music brighten and cheer this old world:

A bird-song is a single star
Shining from a heaven gray;
A bird-song is the break of dawn
That shoos our griefs away;
A bird-song is a lyric sweet
That inspires courage true;
A bird-song is the peep of Spring
And does our faith renew.

Quite early the following morning, while the town still slumbered he conducted a small stalking party of enthusiastic bird lovers thru the woodlands near town: They crept thru briars and stubby undergrowth, over rotting logs, and down in elvan ravines sweet with the wild rose, where luscious, dew besprinkled blackberries hung in clusters, and where the clear, bell-like notes of the Wood Thrush charmed the air; thru all this they crept looking, listening, searching for birds. More than 30 different kinds were seen and heard before Dr. Mayfield suggested 'home', adding whimsically that they had "neither seen a Swallow, nor had a swallow." Later he declared Cookeville should have a Bird Club, and evidently being a man of action, proposed organizing one right then. The proposition was hailed joyfully and the election moved forward with the following result: Pres., T. L. Parsons; Vice Pres., Valeria Burton; Secretary, Liza Anderson.



Mt. View Lodge No. 179 I. O. O. F. met at the usual hour, 8 p. m., July 2nd, 1921, Clay Barr, N. G. presiding. The usual routine business was considered and disposed of.

Bro. W. A. Crawford is still at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., improving slowly. Bro. J. J. Whitteas reported still quite feeble. Bro. J. V. Mackie is still improving slowly.

The 1st degree was conferred upon five applicants. An investigating committee was granted further time. The Secretary and Treasurer read their reports for the past term, which were adopted. The reports show gains which is very encouraging.

The D. D. G. M., then appointed his grand officers and proceeded to install the officers for this term (except V. G. and his supporters) who will be installed later. The following were installed: Clay Barr, P. G., D. C. Cannon, N. G., L. R. McClain, Secty., J. M. Judd, Treas., J. M. Quarles, Warden and Host, H. V. Carr, Cond., J. H. McCulley, Chaplain, J. S. Stamps R. S. S., Frank Featherston, L. S. S., H. D. McCulley, R. S. N. G., W. H. Barr, L. S. N. G., W. H. Anderson, I. G., E. H. Sparks, O. G. Bro. W. H. Barr was elected representative to the Grand Lodge.

The new password was given out and every one present was entitled to and received it. Work in the 2nd degree next meeting.

Th speed maniac is no longer a maniac. He is just a plain d. f.

NATION'S NATAL DAY FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

The Independence Day celebration held at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Monday under the auspices of the faculty and student body of the summer school now in session was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in Cookeville and too much credit cannot be accorded the promoters, for it was indeed a glorious day for Cookeville and surrounding communities.

The people began to assemble at an early hour Monday morning. All roads led to Cookeville on this day, and travelers of all conditions and ages could be seen from 7 to 11 a. m. ending their way to the Tennessee Polytechnic grounds which, was the mecca to which they were all bound. Hundreds of people came from Overton, Jackson and White counties to join in the celebration, helping materially to swell the grand total to something like 6,000 people, all told. It was the most orderly and well behaved crowd of its size ever assembled in this town, and the whole day passed off without accident or incident to mar the pleasure of the participants, so far as we are aware. Our neighboring city of Livingston sent a most representative body of her citizens to join in the festivities, besides a baseball team that acquitted itself with honor and renown by defeating the local nine to the score tune of seventeen to eight.

The community singing was led by Prof. C. B. Richmond of the T. P. I. and was very much enjoyed by all. The singing contest was a most interesting feature, there being three community choirs contesting for the \$20 prize offered. The contestants were: Abner Chaffin and the McBroom Chapel choir; Lee Judd with the Double Springs choir, and Mr. Gunter with the Oak Hill community singers. Mr. Chaffin and his class won the prize, but the judges had a difficult task in making the decision and declared that they felt that each one of the choirs richly deserved a prize. The \$20 prize went to the leader, while a fine box of candy was given the class.

The Fiddlers' contest was next on the program and in this there were five contestants: Levi Dunn, Watson Scarlett, W. L. Tomasson, Gilbert Norris and H. Shumake. The prize,

which was a fine fiddle was won by Mr. Dunn.

The track meet was held from 10 to 12 o'clock with a number of athletes contesting for the several prizes offered. Joe McCormick carried away two or three prizes, while Guy Wilhoite and M. Hickey were also successful contestants.

Miss Hayes of the Model School had her class to give a folk dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who witnessed it.

The Jackson county delegation put on a pageant under the direction of Prof. Chas. McClanahan which proved to be one of the most interesting features of the day. It was an illustration of the progress of the past century in Jackson county, showing the modes of travel and of farming from the old Indian-pioneer days down to the present time. They had the ox teams and wooden plows alongside the latest improved automobiles and up-to-date agricultural implements.

After a rest spell of an hour or so at noon during which time dinner was eaten, the crowd re-assembled to hear the speakers of the day. The principal speaker was Prof. J. W. Brister, Asst. High School Inspector for Tennessee, who made a most interesting and eloquent address, which was punctuated throughout with patriotism. The other speakers were Pres. Q. M. Smith, Jere Whitson and Rutledge Smith.

The baseball game was staged at 3:30 in the afternoon, and despite the uneven score of 17 to 8, it was one of the most interesting and exciting games witnessed here in a long while. Livingston and Cookeville are old time rivals in the national diamond sport and whenever they cross bats there is sure to be a battle royal. It was anybody's game until the ninth inning, as the score was first in one team's favor and then the other's, but the Livingston players decided to celebrate in the final round and this they did to a queen's taste, for they piled up 7 or 8 scores in rapid succession, burying any hope the locals might have entertained for a ninth inning win. It was a clean game from start to finish, and the visitors undoubtedly deserved the honor they won.

DRUGGISTS OF TENNESSEE MEET IN CHATTANOOGA

July 19 and 20, 1921

Over one thousand druggists will be in Chattanooga, July 19 and 20 to attend the Annual Convention of the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. David J. Kuhn, of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary of the Association announces among the subjects under discussion at the Convention will be the control of the Narcotic and Alcohol regulations. "It is anticipated," said T. O. Duff, Sec. of the Chattanooga Drug Club, "that the convention will go on record as being in favor of numerous changes in our present Narcotic and Alcohol control laws." The sessions of the convention will be held at the Patten Hotel. Officers for the coming year will be elected. B. B. Kerr, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is President of the Association. The State Board of Pharmacy consisting of G. W. Coulter, Clarksville, Tenn., President; B. B. Kerr, Murfreesboro, Vice President; Edward V. Sheely of Memphis; W. J. Cox, Memphis; Joseph W. Jones, Bristol; and Ira B. Clark, Nashville, Secretary to the Board, will hold examinations July 15th prior to the meeting of the Association. The entertainment program provided by the Druggists of Chattanooga includes luncheon for the ladies at "The Iron Kettle," Theatre parties at the Tivoli; sight-seeing trips to Lookout Mountain and Signal Mt.; a boat trip for both the druggists and their families down the Tennessee river, with dinner and dance, given through the courtesy of the Chattanooga Medicine Co.; dinner and dance at the Golf and Country Club tendered by the Thacher Medicine Co.; a banquet and dance will be given at Signal Mountain Inn, compliments of the Chattanooga wholesale and retail druggists. Don't fail to attend this convention as it will be the largest meeting the Association ever held and elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment of the members of the association, their wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY CELEBRATED AT SHIPLEY

Something like 1000 people gathered at Shipley last Sunday morning to participate in and witness the celebration of Sunday School, or Children's day, and the whole day was spent in a most enjoyable manner by all who were fortunate enough to be there.

The day which was one of the hottest of the season, was an ideal one for an outdoor gathering, and the people from many sections of the county began to arrive in the early part of the forenoon, and by 9:45 a. m. when the program was begun, the spacious grounds were covered with an interested audience. The morning program was a long one in point of numbers, but there was not a dull feature presented, and the large audience was entertained from start to finish. The children showed plainly that they had received careful training and in their drills, songs and recitations did credit to themselves and their teachers. The children of tender age carried out their parts with wonderful tact and skill, and the larger ones also acquitted themselves with equal honor and credit. Supt. Chas. R. Countess and his corps of assistants certainly gave the public a splendid and most inspiring entertainment and one which was apparently very much appreciated.

At noon a most bounteous dinner was spread and it is needless to state was very much enjoyed by the people. Although the crowd was a large one, the dinner was all sufficient in quantity and of quality which could no be surpassed. In the afternoon the people were entertained with beautiful music from the choir, and a most interesting and instructive sermon delivered by Rev. W. H. Beasley, Presiding elder of the Cookeville District.

ENTERTAINMENT AT WHITSON CHAPEL

There will be an entertainment at Whitson Chapel, Saturday night, July 9th, 7:30 p. m. Admission 15c and 25c. Proceeds are for benefit of organ fund. Everybody invited.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

WEEKLY NEWS ARTICLE (Special Correspondence)

REPUBLICAN DISCONTENT GROWING

Washington, D. C., July 6, 1921—The aims painful notes of discontent over he inaction and apparent inability of the administration continue in the Republican press, which is much severer in its criticism than the Democratic press, because the latter has shown a disposition all along to give the administration a fair chance to make good.

The Boston Transcript, an ebullient Republican paper, commenting on what it calls the "Republican Failure" and the explanation of some of the President's friends that the Republican majority in Congress is too large to be handled easily, says:

"We think we can safely promise the President a considerable reduction in the Republican majority in each house."

The staunch Philadelphia Inquirer spokesman for Pennsylvania reactionary Republicanism, commenting on the prediction of former Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Good, who recently resigned from Congress, that unless the expenditures of the government are materially reduced and the burden of taxation subsequently lightened the Republicans will be swept out of power, says:

"Beyond a doubt the American people have been greatly disappointed by the up-to-date sum of accomplishments in the directions indicated."

It warns Republican leaders in Congress that they should heed Mr. Good's warning, but sees no evidence of such a desire.

"Economy Wrong-End-To." — The tenseness and seriousness of the plight of the administration by reason of growing dissatisfaction, extending into the Republican party press, over the failure to meet the expectations of the country has been relieved somewhat by the activities of the new Director of the Budget, Gen. "Hell-and-Maria" Dawes, who likened the machinery given him in the budget bill, to a "toothpick with which to tunnel Pikes Peak." The General, however, has set to work with the toothpick to prepare the 1922 budget.

In well-ordered governments, budgets are made before appropriations, but as the appropriations for 1922 have mostly been made, Gen. Dawes' budget follows the appropriations.

This latter method, however, it is pointed out, harmonizes with the administration's plan of beginning at the wrong end on economy—that is to say, letting the ninety-three cents for war of each dollar of taxation stand as it is and trying to save something on the other seven cents. There is precedent for these methods, however, if not in government, at least in literature. The famous trial in "Alice in Wonderland" begins by the court's instruction to the jury to "prepare your verdict."

The Thirty Day Tariff Bill. Under the caption "Tariff and the Business Man's Party" in this correspondence last week it was stated that "In the Democratic Congress elected in 1910, the House passed a tariff bill within thirty days after it was organized." The date should have been 1912.

In the first session of Congress following the election of 1912, Mr. Underwood introduced a tariff act bearing his name on April 21, 1913; the bill was reported back by the Ways and Means Committee on April 23 and passed the house on May 8.

The comparison of this prompt and business-like method of disposing of the tariff bill in the House with the delay of the present Republican Congress, which has just reported a tariff bill after being in session nearly three months, made in the news article referred to still holds.

Not only did the Democrats of the House pass a tariff bill in a business-like way, but they passed a business tariff.

DR. JOHN ROYAL HARRIS

Popular Tennessee and National Character

Will give his famous stirring patriotic speech "Is Sunday An American Mistake", Wednesday, July 13, 1921, at 8 p. m., at the Methodist church, Cookeville. On the following morning he will speak at the Summer School at T. P. I. You are invited. Admission free. Bring your friends.

COUNTY COURT IN QUARTERLY SESSION

Tax Levy Postponed Until October Term

The Putnam County Quarterly court met on Tuesday, July 5th and transacted business in the regular order. Judge H. D. Whitson presided over the court, and there was the usual good attendance of magistrates from the several districts of the county.

The regular routine of business was dispatched. The tax levy was not made at this term, but will be made at the October term. A resolution was introduced and adopted, calling on the State Board of Equalization to reduce the tax rate in Putnam county 20 per cent and put us on an equal footing with adjacent counties.

The report of Chairman Benton M. Carr of the County farm commission was the best report ever turned into the court, and showed that the county farm is at last being run strictly on a business basis. Mr. Carr and Supt. W. W. Brown were highly recommended by the court for the efficient management of the affairs of the farm, which they had made self-supporting, with the exception of a little more than \$50.00 for the past quarter, whereas in former times, the county had been put to a great expense in maintaining the farm. The products of the farm such as corn, hay, butter, eggs, etc., have been marketed to the best advantage, and with results highly satisfactory to the court.

The County Board of Education was re-elected, without any serious opposition, with Lee Brown of the 4th district as an additional member. The report submitted by the Board for the school levy for the coming year was accepted by the court which guaranteed that the budget as recommended by the Board would be financed at the October term.

Supervisor of Roads, Jere Whitson, made his report to the court and showed them just how he was going about inaugurating a system of good roads for Putnam county. He has his organization about complete now, and we have the finest prospects for securing good roads that we have had in many years. The new law is working well and growing in favor with the people.

DEMONSTRATION WORK REVEALS TALENT

The home demonstration agent touches the life of those she meets and helps far more deeply than appears in typewritten reports about the number present in various classes, the quantities of vegetables canned, hats made, or similar evidences of her activities. In New York State the woman thanks the home demonstration agent of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural college, because her entire outlook on life has altered, her usefulness to her family has more than doubled, and her service to the community at large has a recognizable value.

This college trained woman had large ideas of making her life count for something, at the time of her marriage to a farmer. Through misfortunes of one kind and another things went from bad to worse on the farm, till they reached a somewhat hopeless situation. The woman wanted to help out financially, but could find very little she was capable of doing. Because she wanted to become a part of her community she became identified with club work. The home demonstration agent found her and asked her to prepare the local reports. These were so clearly done that they attracted attention. She became a local leader. Then she was given a page to prepare in the Farm and Home Bureau Monthly, and did it so helpfully that she had soon earned over \$100 and made a permanent place for herself. She gives all the credit to the home demonstration agent who helped her to find herself.

STORIE & DEARMAN

Walter Dearman has purchased an interest in the Royal Cafe on West side, and will in the future be identified with this popular restaurant. Storrie & Dearman, is the style of the new firm which should continue to prosper, for both Storrie and Dearman are experienced restaurant men and know how to cater to the public.